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Item 1
Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, the Chair of the Working Party at its seventy-first session will be a representative of list C. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list B.

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Item 2
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its seventy-first session, as reproduced in chapter I above.

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Item 3
Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

3. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (TD/B/WP/272), which deals with activities undertaken in 2014. This report is being submitted both to the Working Party at its seventy-first session and to the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-second session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD, i.e. voluntary contributions and their allocation by thematic areas and by regions or countries, as well as an updated overview of the structure and main features of UNCTAD technical cooperation programmes and projects.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled "Review of activities undertaken in 2014" (TD/B/WP/272/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2014 under various programmes and projects. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impact and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled "Statistical tables" (TD/B/WP/272/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of activities among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of the projects under implementation in 2014.

6. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with paragraph 220 of the Accra Accord and paragraph 7 of Trade and Development Board decision 495 (LV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/272	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
TD/B/WP/272/Add.1	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2014 (English only)
TD/B/WP/272/Add.2	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 4
Evaluation of UNCTAD activities

(a) Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview

7. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled "Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview" (TD/B/WP/273), which presents findings from evaluations conducted between April 2014 and March 2015. The report contains the main messages and recommendations from each evaluation, which can be helpful in informing the assessments, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. The Working Party will also be invited to review a proposal for the next iteration of the evaluation plan and to submit its conclusions and recommendations to the Trade and Development Board.

(b) External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade

8. At its sixty-first session, the Trade and Development Board took note of and endorsed the agreed conclusions of the Working Party at its sixty-eighth session, as contained in document TD/B/WP/265. The agreed conclusions included a request to the UNCTAD secretariat to conduct an independent evaluation of the UNCTAD subprogramme on international trade that the Working Party would consider at its seventy-first session, in the context of its consideration of an annual external evaluation of an UNCTAD programme under the agenda item on evaluation. The evaluation report will be prepared by an independent evaluation team, who will present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Working Party for its consideration.

(c) Follow-up on evaluations:

Implementation of recommendations from the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise

9. At its sixty-eighth session, the Working Party considered the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise. The evaluation report, together with the management response from UNCTAD, formed the basis for discussions by member States. At the conclusion of the Working Party, member States took note of the evaluation report and the findings of strong relevance, significant impact, broad sustainability and effective and efficient delivery of work by the secretariat, as well as of the management response. The secretariat will make a presentation on the actions it has taken in further strengthening the subprogramme, in accordance with the discussions at the Working Party.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/273	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
TD/B/WP/274	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade
TD/B/WP/264	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise
TD/B/WP(71)/CRP.1	Management response to the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade
TD/B/WP(71)/CRP.2	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade – Supporting materials
TD/B/WP(68)/CRP.3	Management response to the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise

Item 5
Provisional agenda for the seventy-second session of the Working Party

10. In the course of the session, the secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

Item 6
Other business

Item 7
Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

11. The report of the seventy-first session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.